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FOR: DIRECT DETECTION OF BACTERIA-ANTIBODY
COMPLEXES VIA UV RESONANCE RAMAN
SPECTROSCOPY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

IN THE APPLICATION:

Insert the enclosed Abstract as the last page of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel the following claims:

Cancel claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

Amend the following claims:

Claim 2, line 1, cancel "7" and insert therefor -- 9 --.

Add the following new claims:

1 9. A method for the detecting the presence of a specific microorganism in a
2 sample, said microorganism having a characteristic resonance enhanced Raman backscattered

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